GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Generic Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage doctors to prescribe generic medicines as they are much cheaper than the branded drugs and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government plans to open Jan Aushadhi Stores in all medical colleges, district hospitals and also in all private hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether consultations have been held with the Indian Medical Association and the Medical Council of India to boost generic drug consumption in the country; and
(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

(a) : As per Clause 1.5 "Use of Generic names of drugs" of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002: "Every physician should, as far as possible, prescribe drugs with generic names and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.
(b) : Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), Jan Aushadhi Stores can be opened in all the medical colleges, district hospitals and also in private hospitals on application.

(c) and (d) : The representatives of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Medical Council of India (MCI) participate actively in the meetings and seminars convened for promoting PMJAY.
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